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Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the listed items are enclosed.

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In accordance with the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (3)(i), the following are concise explanations of the relevance, as presently understood, with regard to those items submitted herewith that are not in the English language:

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

II. COPIES

- a. ☒ Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed

*** Waiver**

The Office hereby waives the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC § 371 after June 30, 2003. *See* 37 CFR 1.491(b).

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE

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- a. ☐ Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).
- b. ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:
- c. ☐ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration:

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- a. ☐ No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- or
- b. ☐ See the certification below. No fee is required.

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- a. ☐ each item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or
- b. ☐ no item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any

individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

- c. ☐ Some of the items of information were cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office as indicated in the Form 1449 by those references having an asterisk(*). As to this information, the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. As to the remaining information, the undersigned hereby certifies that no item of this remaining information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed for the above-indicated fee. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.
- ☒ No fee is required.

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Applies to original applications (other than design) filed on or after May 29, 2000.

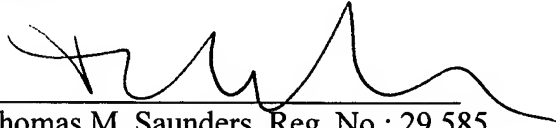
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- b. X Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449.
- c. X Copies of cited references are enclosed.
- d. _____ The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 15, 2004

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	BE	0 981 971 A2	03/01/2000	Europe	A24D	1/02	Y
	BF	0 870 437 A2	10/14/1998	Europe	A24D	1/00	Y
	BG	0 864 259 A2	09/16/1998	Europe	A24D	1/00	Y
OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)							
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